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IN THE MATTER OF:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 6, 2001.

In response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121, applicant elects to provisionally prosecute the apparatus claims 4-6, designated group II.

Although applicant does not wish to traverse the Restriction Requirement, applicant reserves the right to file linking claims in the form of a product by process which will subordinate the process to the apparatus and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to claims 1-3 drawn to the process for preparing methanol at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

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